

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. After that stirring oration here I don't know if I should get up or not. Really we're not talking about Devaney, we're talking about a bill that came before our Committee that we appropriately killed. I think that is what we're talking about at this time, not Mr. Devaney. The testimony will show that nobody on that Committee is against Devaney. We're trying to protect the Statute that Senator Lewis is trying to kill. There is a reason for that Statute and that is why we killed the bill. Also I gave you a hand-out. We passed this, 23 of us are still here, the very law that Senator Lewis wanted to kill. If we were wrong then maybe we should correct it, but I don't think we were. Also there is one other thing too if you want to bring Devaney in, he was Athletic Director here at that time. He had accomplished all Senator Boughn said except building the State Office Building. I didn't quite see where that fit in, but it makes no difference. Construction had already started. So it is rather moot. If it is such a very important issue why wasn't the amendment added at that time. I think the Committee, which I Chair, did a right thing. We killed a bill that had to be killed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. I think that all of the issues related to this bill ought to be discussed while we're talking about raising it because that would go to whether or not there was a just cause for bringing the bill out after the Committee killed it. I'm not one of those people who says don't raise a bill from a committee under any and all circumstances, because sometimes a committee takes action which is inappropriate. I happen to think this action is appropriate because I made the motion to kill the bill. I still feel that way. Regardless of how much people speak about Mr. Devaney and his football exploits, that's not going to change my mind about the wisdom of the action that I took in moving to kill it. The action was concurred in by enough members of the Committee to accomplish that act. That Sports Complex is there, not because of Bob Devaney but, because of Terry Carpenter. I said in that Committee that I thought Carpenter's name ought to be on the building. While they talk about Bob Devaney doing what he did, he had to first be employed at Nebraska. I believe it was a man named Tippy Dye, I could be mistaken, who was Athletic Director and brought him here. So maybe it should be the Dye-Carpenter-Devaney Building. But it could become a ridiculous thing. When an individual is still alive and capable of making blunders, a state ought to go slow in naming a state structure after that individual. Small communities can engage in that foolishness if they want to because it is easier for them to backtrack when they become humiliated, like many such small communities were around the country when Richard Nixon let them down. All of them whoop-de-dooed for him when he landslid into office. Here was the savior, here was the man talking about law and order, here was a man who was going to put people like me in my place. He just landslid into office. Now he has been government certified as the biggest gangster that this country has produced. All those little communities have to determine now whether they're going to keep these various structures, streets, golf courses and whatever named after the biggest gangster in the country. I'm not equating Bob Devaney with